

## **Gunfighters' Hell**

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A typical saloon in the Old West as one might expect to find in a typical Western movie. However, whenever tempers flare and someone draws a gun, then overreacts by shooting someone, as often occurs in such movie scenes, the guns don't work, not any of them. Each failed attempt to shoot someone immediately results in dumbfounded expressions, and then the strange part occurs.

In each case, the dumbfounded expressions are followed by civil conversation among the would-be shooter and his intended victim to address the issue that had precipitated the loss of temper. This happens over and over again throughout the saloon, examples of some of the circumstances being as follows:

- Someone is mistakenly believed to be cheating at cards. When the accuser's gun fails to work, both first appear dumbfounded, then the accused shows how he is innocent, the accuser explains how he made the error, and politely apologizes.
- Someone calls someone else's mother a whore. The man pulls his gun to shoot the man attacking his mother. The gun doesn't work, both first appear dumbfounded, then the man explains that his mother has been a seamstress all her life and has never engaged in sex for money, causing the other man to explain what he based it on, the other man explains how he has misinterpreted certain occurrences, his mother had been caught in the rain, was changing her dress, etc., and so the accuser apologizes.

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